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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER / Cindy Hepfer

### **ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM**

Although I have written on several topics this year, the overriding theme of my "President's Column" was NASIG's spirit of volunteerism. For my final column, then, it is only fitting that I highlight NASIG's achievements for 1993/94 and recognize the many NASIG volunteers whose efforts culminated in these accomplishments.

### **THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 2-5, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (UBC)**

The members of the Conference Planning Committee were Nadine Baldwin, Margaret Brown, Ann Doyle, Diane Grover, Marlene Hamakawa, Matt Hartman, Terry Horner, Theresa Iverson, Katy Nelson, Margaret Price, Elena Romaniuk, and Laurie Sutherland. Their committee chair was Kat McGrath. Spearheading local arrangements for a conference which draws between 500 and 600 registrants is no small task; it can be downright intimidating but Kat always seemed calm and confident. Conference planning work begins more than a year before the conference and monopolizes both the work and leisure time of everyone involved. The committee members took care of a myriad of details, and we owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

An equally deep debt of gratitude is owed to those NASIG members responsible for developing the intellectual content of the conference. Their work also takes more time and effort than I can begin to articulate here. The Program Planning Committee consisted of Alex Bloss, Bobbie Carlson, Michele Crump, Karen Darling, Carol Mageneau, Rosanna O'Neil, Roberta Winjum, and their stellar co-chairs, Julie Gammon and October Ivins. These folks

reviewed some 70 proposals received in response to our call for papers and then rounded out the program to successfully meet the needs and interests of every one of NASIG's constituencies. This was not an easy task, and committee members were deeply concerned about turning down so many fine proposals and speakers. The theme they worked with was "A Kaleidoscope of Choices: Reshaping Roles and Opportunities for Serialists," which highlighted papers and workshops that will help NASIG members and other serialists retool themselves for a changing information environment.

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

If you are not on a NASIG committee, then you may think that NASIGNET is merely an electronic bulletin board for announcements about NASIG activities. But it is in fact a whole lot more. NASIGNET is a closed network that includes a private discussion list for every NASIG committee and task force that requests one. The system also offers a gopher on which NASIG mounts its newsletter, proceedings, and various official documents. All of this is developed and fastidiously maintained for NASIG through the immense time investment of members of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) as well as David Rodgers and Kevin Curnow at the American Mathematical Society, NASIGNET's host. Ann Ercelawn has assumed the enormous responsibility of caring for NASIGNET as its primary listowner, taking over the reins from Birdie MacLennan.

The ECC has a second mission which consumes as much time and provides even greater challenges than actually developing and maintaining NASIGNET: educating the NASIG membership to use electronic resources. To that end, committee co-chairs Birdie MacLennan and Marilyn Geller, along with Maggie Rioux, developed a manual, NASIGNET and Beyond: Electronic Networking Resources for Serialists. The Board decided to distribute this impressive document at no added charge to all paid NASIG members. And as if that was not enough, Birdie, Marilyn, Maggie and Ann Okerson also planned and developed a highly successful preconference program for UBC, "Internet Tools and Resources: an Electronic Buffet."

Members of this creative and ambitious ECC were Ann Ercelawn, Kate Herzog, Betty Landesman, Ann Okerson, Shiela Osheroff, Maggie Rioux, Geraldine Williams and co-chairs Birdie MacLennan and Marilyn Geller.

## ONGOING SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

The editors of the 1993 NASIG Proceedings were Gail McMillan and Marilyn Norstedt. The work it takes to produce our annual proceedings, which fill a double issue of Haworth's Serials Librarian, is quite overwhelming. The editors do more than edit papers: they select recorders for the workshops, provide the speakers and workshop recorders with instructions, review the publisher's proofs, prepare the electronic version of the proceedings to be mounted on NASIGNET, and update the Proceedings Editors' Manual.

The NASIG Newsletter is published five times a year. It reports on NASIG business and committee work, the NASIG conference and other serials-related meetings, and member news. This year Ellen Duranceau continued in the role of Editor-in-Chief, graciously and tactfully keeping everyone informed of deadlines, locating reporters to write about various serials-related meetings, and working with Marilyn Geller of the ECC to mount each issue of the Newsletter on the NASIG gopher. Maggie Horn assisted Ellen as Distribution Editor for the printed version. Kathy Schmidt did a wonderful job as Production Editor and Daphne Miller served as Submissions Editor.

The NASIG Membership Directory requires an astounding amount of work. The 1994 edition was prepared by members of the Directory and Database Committee: Theresa Baker, Christine Christiansen, Roger Presley, Judith Shelton, Joan Luke Stephens and the committee's software-savvy chair, Beverley Geer-Butler. The basis for the directory is the NASIG membership database. This was tended faithfully during 1993/94 by Beverley Geer-Butler, who by virtue of this responsibility was involved in almost every other NASIG committee's work. For instance, she worked with our Treasurer on membership renewals. She worked with ECC to keep NASIGNET access up-to-date, advising them to add new members as they joined and delete those who did not renew. She provided mailing labels to the Newsletter editors, the conference planning committee, and the Nominations and Elections Committee and the Bylaws Committees. The Directory and Database Committee members were all involved in gathering documents for the directory and in its production and distribution. Recent accolades for the work of this committee on NASIGNET were well deserved.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The Continuing Education Committee had a very successful year, hosting three regional continuing education events. The first, "Bridging the Gap; A Guide to Effective Vendor/Library Relations," was presented at the Mountain Plains Library Association/Colorado Library Association conference on October 1. The second was a workshop entitled "Serials Management in Libraries," offered to serialists at the New Jersey Library Association meeting on March 10. On April 27, a workshop on vendor selection was presented at the Ohionet Acquisitions Council Program.

Thanks and recognition for these events belong to members of the Continuing Education Committee: Donnice Cochenour, Mary Fugle, Kit Kennedy, Janice Lange, Janice Lindquist, Anne McKee, Denise Novak, and Marcia Tuttle. Although he is not a committee member, Phil Greene was instrumental in the New Jersey workshop. Adrian Alexander chaired the C.E. Committee and spent many hours discussing relevant issues with me.

At its February meeting, the Executive Board decided to set up a task force to develop goals and guidelines to further its support for the activities of the Continuing Education Committee. I anticipate that a report will be due by the Fall Board meeting.

## STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Student Grant Committee, chaired by former Student Grant winner Lisa Macklin, reviewed some 55 applications and selected six library school students to attend our Ninth Annual Conference at UBC. Committee members were Eleanor Cook, Janice Lange, Gail Julian, Ken Kirkland, Margaret Mering, Kay Teel, and Sara Tusa.

This is an extremely popular and well-supported NASIG program, one of which the organization is justifiably proud. It provides full registration, housing and transportation expenses to a few library school students who have demonstrated an interest in entering some phase of serials work when they obtain their degrees. The selection process is not an easy one, and the organization owes a great deal of thanks to the committee members who spend so much time reviewing applications and recommendations to make the final selections. Many of our former student grant winners have gone on to get good jobs in the serials field. And a number have become active NASIG members.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## A MEMBERSHIP NETWORK

Leslie Knapp chaired the Regional Councils and Membership Committee, whose members included Terry Ann Sayler, Jeri Van Goethem, Julie Su, Beth Holley, Sue Williams, Kathleen Thorne and Susan Collins. A list of the numerous state and provincial reps appeared in the May issue of the NASIG Newsletter. All of these folks distribute NASIG literature at regional meetings and conferences. At a time when there are fewer and fewer serials librarians being hired and when vendors and publishers are cutting staffs, this group is keeping NASIG visible and enticing new members to join us. Happily, we have been able to continue to maintain a membership that tops out at just over 1000 every year.

## SITE SELECTION

Investigating potential conference sites for our 1995 conference were groups in Minnesota and North Carolina. Bill Sozansky chaired the Minnesota Site Selection Committee, with the help of Committee members Mary Ann Van Cura and Susan Zuriff. We did not find a suitable site in Minnesota that was available for our dates, but we will continue to review our options in the Twin Cities area and thank Bill, Mary Ann and Susan for hanging in there with us! Suzanne Striedieck chaired a committee in North Carolina, with enthusiastic support from Eleanor Cook, Marla Edelman, Nancy Gibbs, Elaine Teague, Marcia Tuttle, and Jeri Van Goethem. As of this writing, we expect to hold our 1995 conference at Duke University, but do not yet have a contract in hand. Our backup site if Duke does not work out for any reason is Davidson. Marcia Tuttle has agreed to chair the Conference Planning Committee for 1995, our 10th Anniversary Conference. Finally, for 1996 we are looking at sites in the Southwest. The Southwest Site Selection Committee is being chaired by Fran Wilkinson. She is assisted by Anne McKee, Joan Griffith and Ruth Heist.

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Some years the Bylaws Committee has more work than others. In 1993/94, Bylaws dealt with three amendment requests. The committee reviewed the requests, worked with the requestors to develop rationales for and against each amendment, and then prepared, mailed and tabulated the ballots. The membership passed two of the amendments; the third was turned down.

Joyce Tenney served as the Bylaws Committee chair.

Her committee members were Marifran Bustion, Sandy Folsom, Gaelle Gillespie and David Winchester.

The Nominations and Elections Committee was, as always, a group with an important challenge. The committee worked with more than 40 nominations for officer and board positions, obtained applications and statements from each of the nominees, applied ranking criteria developed over the years, and then developed a final slate of candidates. They also distributed and tabulated the ballots.

The chair of Nominations and Elections for 1993/94 was Kathy Soupis. Her committee members were Ann Farwell, Martin Gordon, Judy Johnston, Larry Keating, and Judy Luther. Two non-committee members, Bea McKay and Beverley Geer-Butler, also deserve our thanks for helping Kathy, who was seriously ill at the time, stuff envelopes and mail the ballots. Nominations and Elections Committee never has an easy task, and the organization is most appreciative of those who contribute their time and energy to the election process.

The Finance Committee, which is headed by the Treasurer, Dan Tonkery, consists of Dorothy Collins, Martha Hill, Harriet Kersey, Charles May and Minna Saxe. Dorothy was Dan's right-hand when he was on the road and financial matters had to be handled immediately. Other committee members are contributing by assisting Dan at the Treasurer's Table at the Annual Conference in Vancouver or by handling banking activities at our bank in Atlanta.

#### **LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Professional liaisons are individuals appointed to NASIG by other library or publishing organizations to provide a formal communication link between the two organizations. Until this year, the Board considered the group a committee. But during 1993/94, Minna Saxe served as the group's chair and helped the Board to understand how we could best make use of these formal liaison relationships, which is not really through a committee structure. We are most appreciative of Minna's insights and reports. Our liaisons this year were: Lucy Bottomley, Canadian SISAC; Bobbie Carlson, MLA; Susan Davis, ALA; Tina Feick, SISAC; Janet Fisher and Julie Gammon, both AAUP; Sally Grauer, LBI; Audrey Greene, SLA; Cecilia Kwan, AALL; Susan Malawski, AAP/PSP Journals Committee; Kevin McShane, CONSER; and Albert Prior, UKSG.

#### **TASK FORCES**

The NASIG Vision Statement Task Force was co-chaired by John Tagler and Mary Beth Clack, both serious students of organizational management and theory. Members of the Task Force were Adrian Alexander, Tina Feick, October Ivins, Birdie MacLennan, Teresa Malinowski, Barbara Meyers, Ann Okerson and myself. We developed a vision statement which was reviewed by the Board and published in the February 1994 issue of the NASIG Newsletter. Members were invited to send comments to the co-chairs. I anticipate that the vision statement will serve as the basis for a new task force to develop a strategic plan for the organization.

A Conference Planning Committee Manual Task Force, chaired by Teresa Malinowski, and including former conference planners Jim Mouw, Jean Callaghan, Pat Putney and Susan Davis, are hard at work developing a Conference Planning Manual. Since a whole new Conference Planning Committee is appointed every year as NASIG moves to a new conference site, to some extent each year those handling local arrangements have had to reinvent the wheel. The new Conference Planning Manual will ease the transition and make the task of conference planning a little less intimidating.

A Research Award Task Force, chaired by Charles May, is developing guidelines and procedures for an award to be presented to an individual or a group to support a research project concerning one or more segments of the serials information chain. The Board hopes to be able to make an award at the 10th Anniversary Conference. Working with Charles on the task force are Rita Broadway, Cindy Clark, Sandy Gurshman, Pat Putney and Steve Savage.

A New Serialist Award Task Force is spearheaded by Chair Sylvia Martin with support from Mary Devlin, Patricia Frade, Elizabeth Parang, and Christine Stamison. The group is charged with developing guidelines and procedures for an award to be presented to someone new to the serials profession to attend our 10th anniversary conference in June 1995. This is similar to our Student Grant Award, but will be presented to someone who is already working in the serials field.

Three other task forces that are getting underway are the Continuing Education Committee Task Force, a Program Planning Committee Manual Task Force, and a Conference Evaluation Form Task Force.



## MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Connie Foster was new to the Board, but brought us many astute observations and well-placed questions at Board meetings and on the Board List. She worked with Lisa Macklin and the Student Grant Committee to select this year's Student Grant Award winners. She has also assumed responsibility for liaising with the 1994 Proceedings Editors, Beth Holley and Mary Ann Sheble, and for continuing to edit the Proceedings Editors' manual.

Julia Gammon, a second year Board member, co-chaired Program Planning Committee by coordinating the eighteen workshop sessions. As if that in itself was not enough, she also served as liaison to the 1993 Proceedings Editors and was in charge of a small group that selected the editors for 1994. She is also one of two AAUP liaisons to NASIG. Julie has given an immense amount of time, effort and thought to the organization. I appreciate everything she has contributed, not the least of which is that she kept me company on e-mail every Saturday when we were both in the office working on NASIG.

Brenda Hurst is a retiring board member who served as liaison to the Bylaws Committee and assisted Joyce Tenney through the balloting process. I appreciate and greatly value Brenda's ability to tactfully and thoughtfully present different points of view at Board meetings, and will miss the dynamic she has added.

Birdie MacLennan's contributions have been mind-boggling. As Chair and then Co-Chair of the ECC since its inception, she has devoted countless hours to the development, maintenance, and promotion of NASINET. She and Marilyn Geller worked for even more countless hours on NASINET and Beyond, which has earned critical praise from NASIG members and non-members alike, but earned them not a penny. Birdie and Marilyn also championed and developed the networking preconference for the annual conference at UBC. Birdie was Co-Chair of and Board liaison to the ECC and served on the Vision Statement Task Force.

Jim Mouw is another Board newcomer. He contributed significantly by liaising to a very busy Directory and Database Committee and writing the conference finance chapter for the Conference Planning Manual Task Force. Jim is also Board liaison for the Research Award Task Force. Finally, the Board members all appreciate Jim for coordinating a recent revision of the NASIG Newsletter's copyright statement.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Tagler is one of the Board's "old hands." He served as liaison to Continuing Education and as co-chair of the Vision Statement Task Force. He chatted with me on a number of occasions when I was feeling overwhelmed by the presidency, and he calmly helped me and the Board think through pressing issues. John brings a businessman's perspective to the Board meetings which is both needed and sincerely appreciated.

## ARCHIVIST AND FORMER PRESIDENTS

Elaine Rast has served as our archivist this year, devising guidelines which the Board will review at the June meeting. As you can well imagine, the organization has amassed a large number of documents in ten years, and Elaine is helping us figure out what documents are essential to retain and how to gather and archive them.

Former presidents Mary Beth Clack, Ann Okerson and Tina Feick have discussed a variety of issues with me. I cannot overstate the value of previous past presidents; despite what you may have heard Ann Okerson say, former NASIG presidents do NOT get much rest in the Festschrift Retirement Home for Former NASIG Presidents! Mary Beth served as co-chair of the Vision Statement Task Force and as an advisor in the program planning process. Ann served on the Vision Statement Task Force and is singlehandedly responsible for some of its more visionary passages. She worked with ECC on many NASINET matters and advised Gail McMillan on the electronic version of the 1993 proceedings. Ann is also once again preparing the conference evaluation form, a time-consuming task that is not a great deal of fun. Tina served on the Vision Statement Task Force and was SISAC Liaison. All three ladies are speakers at the UBC conference.

## OFFICERS

Susan Davis just completed a first term as secretary and is starting on a second term in that position, having previously served four years as our first Treasurer. She worked with the Program Planning Committee, collecting and organizing the 70 proposals we received in response to the call for papers. She also assisted Program Committee by writing letters to individuals whose proposals we were not able to use. She is deeply involved with development of the Conference Planning Manual. She is our ALA Liaison and served as Board liaison to the Professional Liaison Committee. Susan also is Board liaison to the UBC Conference Planning

Committee, a difficult assignment she willingly took on as she was active on the Local Arrangements Committee for our previous Canadian conference at Brock University. Susan developed a new board member packet which will be utilized for the first time this year. And, yes, she took minutes at the Board meetings!

Dan Tonkery was new to the Treasurer's position this year. He has revised various budget forms and reports, in particular endeavoring to give the Board a more detailed picture of the estimated as opposed to the real conference budget. He served as distributor for NASIGNET and Beyond. For the first time, the Treasurer assumed responsibility for receiving conference registration forms, checking the amounts owed/paid, and then forwarding the forms to Katy Nelson, our conference registrar. Dan has worked closely with me on the NASIG budget and has always made himself available to discuss the opportunity, or crisis, du jour with me. Like John Tagler, he has brought an important businessman's perspective to Board discussions.

My final and fullest thanks and acknowledgement go to two folks with whom I have developed very special relationships, Vice President/President-Elect October Ivins and Past President Teresa Malinowski. The three of us have necessarily worked together, for NASIG's learning curve is a steep one. We also worked together out of mutual respect and even more importantly, because we enjoy each other.

October has, in addition to serving as Vice President, been co-chair of the Program Planning Committee, this year working with the plenary and concurrent programs. She served on the Vision Statement Task Force and as Board liaison to the North Carolina Site Selection Committee. In recent days we have been working together on committee chair transitions. October and I have spent more hours than I care to count on e-mail and the phone conducting NASIG business!

Teresa has been there for me every minute, and I couldn't have made it through the year without her wise counsel, level head and deep NASIG experience! She served this past year as Board liaison to Nominations and Elections. She spearheaded the Conference Planning Committee Task Force and served on the Vision Statement Task Force. She coordinated the revision of the officer and member-at-large job descriptions. And as a former secretary, she was the first person to review Susan's minutes after each Board meeting. Teresa

has been tireless, always cheerful, and a wonderful person to work with.

## SUMMARY

NASIG thrives because many extraordinary individuals contribute time and energies to the organization. It serves as forum where all members of the serials information chain exchange information of both a practical and visionary nature. It provides individuals in the serials community with opportunities to develop leadership skills and to participate in continuing education activities. It is a strong and healthy organization. I wish incoming President October Ivins and Vice President/President-Elect Julia Gammon, the continuing officers and Board members, and new Members-at-Large Jean Callaghan and Bobbie Carlson all the best!

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## NASIG ELECTION RESULTS 1994-95 / Kathy Soupiset, Chair, NASIG Nominations and Elections Committee

Congratulations to the following winners of the NASIG Executive Board election for 1994/95:

### VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Julie Gammon

### SECRETARY: Susan Davis

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: Jean Callaghan  
Bobbie Carlson  
John Tagler

These results were announced previously on NASIG-L, Monday, April 4, 1994, but are being repeated here as a matter of permanent record in accordance with the NASIG Bylaws.

Total ballots mailed: 842

Total ballots counted: 410 (49%)

(1 ballot returned undelivered, 3 ballots disqualified for late postmark)

The Nominations and Elections Committee wishes to thank all those who participated in the nominations and elections process. We are very appreciative of their willingness to be considered for office and for the effort they displayed in preparing position statements and biographical information. They typify the spirit of volunteerism that is so evident in NASIG.

The Committee would also like to say "thanks" and offer encouragement to the NASIG membership for their part in the process. You responded well to the call for nominations, and the percentage of ballots returned was one of the highest we have seen in recent years. We have found that NASIG members like to be involved, and using your vote is one great way to do that. Keep up the good work.

And, finally, the Chair thanks the Committee for its support and outstanding work during the year:

Anne Farwell (CANEBSCO)  
Martin Gordon (Franklin & Marshall College)  
Judy Johnston (University of North Texas)  
Lawrence Keating II (University of Houston)  
Judy Luther (Faxon)  
Teresa Malinowski, Board Liaison (California State University, Fullerton)

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**NASIG BYLAWS CHANGES / David Winchester, Tabulator, NASIG Bylaws Committee**

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Now that I have your undivided attention, I want to pass on to you the results of the recent bylaws election.

Proposal 005 to amend Article VI Section 1 to change committee terms  
Proposed amendment PASSED

Proposal 006 to amend Article VII Section 1 to change the write-in requirement from 10 to 25 active members  
Proposed amendment FAILED

Proposal 007 to amend Article VI Section 2 to delete a complete list of standing committees from the bylaws  
Proposed amendment PASSED

A special thank you to those of you who voted.

[See p.28 for a revised copy of the Bylaws.--Ed.]

**LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT GRANT RECIPIENTS 1994 / Lisa Macklin**

The Library Science Student Grant Committee is pleased to announce the following student grant recipients for the 1994 NASIG Conference at the University of British Columbia. The selection process was challenging again this year due to the large number of qualified applicants. The recipients are:

Elizabeth Isabelle (Rosary College)  
Kay Johnson (University of Pittsburgh)  
Cheryl Middleton (Louisiana State University)  
Trina Richard (University of Toronto)  
Cindy Shearrer (University of Missouri-Columbia)  
Jennifer Yeaple (Simmons College)

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**NASIG PROCEEDINGS / Julie Gammon, NASIG Executive Board Liaison**

NASIG is pleased to report that the 1993 Proceedings from the Brown University Conference are currently being shipped and will be available shortly as the next issue of Serials Librarian. The monographic version of the Proceedings is being processed for mailing by the publisher and will follow shortly.

The current editors, Gail McMillan and Marilyn Norstedt of Virginia Tech, are in the process of mounting the electronic version of the Proceedings. You will be advised as soon as they are available.

On behalf of the NASIG membership, I wish to thank Gail and Marilyn for all their hard work over the last year in getting the Proceedings ready for publication. Publishing the electronic and print versions of the Proceedings is a monumental task, and both Gail and Marilyn deserve much credit and thanks for a fine job.

I am pleased to report that the editors for the 1994 conference which will take place at the University of British Columbia this June will be Mary Ann Sheble and Beth Holley of the University of Alabama. Mary Ann and Beth bring both writing experience and active NASIG involvement to the position. We wish them the best of luck as they begin to tackle this important NASIG activity.

**NASIG 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1995):  
CALL FOR PAPERS, WORKSHOPS AND  
PRECONFERENCES**

***"SERIALS TO THE TENTH POWER: TRADITION,  
TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSFORMATION"***

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an organization committed to serving the interests of all members of the serials information chain, plans to hold its tenth annual conference June 1-4, 1995, at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. NASIG's annual conference provides a forum in which librarians, publishers, vendors, educators, binders, systems developers and other specialists exchange views, present new ideas, proactively seek solutions to common problems, and discuss matters of current interest. The proceedings are published in both print and electronic format and distributed to a wide audience.

The Program Planning Committee invites proposals for plenary papers and preconferences dealing with any "big picture" aspect of the theme. We are especially interested in the challenge of balancing traditional functions with technological innovations within organizations and in consortia and in the creation of new alliances. Established projects, new experiments, and blue sky speculation are all welcome. Examples:

- \* Reinventing serials: optimizing their role in scholarly communication;
- \* Creating and providing access to electronic journals (editing/publishing, purchasing/acquiring, transmitting/delivering/gopherizing, cataloging, and archiving/preserving/securing);
- \* Copyright reconsidered and reconfigured;
- \* New developments in Internet use: commercial use, public policy, and security issues;
- \* The impact of electronic article delivery in the serials information community;
- \* Re-examining the role of the serials professional in the new information society

The Program Planning Committee also invites workshop and preconference proposals that will provide practical assistance in making changes, planning and implementing new projects and forming alliances. Examples:

- \* Case studies from virtual libraries and electronic publishers;
- \* Reconstituting local serials collections;
- \* Analyses of user responses and needs;
- \* Training/retraining/educating serialists for new roles in article delivery, public service, monograph acquisitions, etc.;
- \* Relevant new technologies/services/software packages/standards;
- \* Creative financing for innovation; grantsmanship.

Submission of topics and suggestions for speakers are welcome from NASIG members and other members of the information community. The Program Planning Committee reserves the right to combine, blend or refocus proposals to maximize program breadth and relevance to our membership. As a result, only one presenter from proposals submitted by teams may be invited to participate. Since all proposals are reviewed competitively, please include complete information for maximum consideration:

- \* Name, address, phone/fax numbers/e-address(es) of the proposer
- \* Program title
- \* An abstract of 200-300 words that clearly explains the intent of the proposal as well as its relationship to the theme
- \* Please list in priority order the format preference for your proposal: plenary, workshop or preconference.

Proposals should be submitted no later than August 1, 1994 to:

Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary  
Periodicals Section  
Central Technical Services  
State University of New York at Buffalo  
Lockwood Library Building  
Buffalo, NY 14260-2200  
Phone: 716-645-2784  
Fax: 716-645-5955  
Bitnet: unlsdb@ubvm  
Internet: unlsdb@ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu



**ANNUAL REPORT: BYLAWS COMMITTEE  
1993-94 / Joyce Tenney**

Committee Members: Joyce Tenney, chair (UMBC), David Winchester, tabulator (Washburn University), Gaelle Gillespie, secretary (University of Kansas), Sandy Folsom (Central Michigan University), Marifran Bustion (George Washington University)

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report of the Bylaws Committee for 1993/94.

The Bylaws Committee met in open session at the 8th Annual Conference at Brown University and is scheduled to meet in open session at the 9th Annual Conference at the University of British Columbia. During the first quarter of 1993/94, the committee drafted a response to a memo received requesting a review of three sections of the Bylaws. In late December, the committee received a formal request for three amendments to the Bylaws. The committee reviewed the request and submitted to the Executive Board and then to the general membership three amendment proposals.

Proposal 005 "Nominating Committee Terms", and 007 "Deleting Names of Standing Committees" were approved by the membership, as specified in Article XII Section 1 of the Bylaws. Proposal 006 "Increasing Numbers of Names Needed for Petition" was rejected by the membership. On behalf of the committee and the Executive Board liaison, I would like to thank all of those who responded to the ballot.

Special thanks go to David Winchester and Gaelle Gillespie. They played a major role in drafting and editing the documents that went out to the Executive Board and the membership. Also, they kept the membership informed of the deadlines for voting and the results of the ballots. David will be rotating off of the committee this year and his guidance will be missed. Gaelle will continue her excellent work on the committee for one more year.

Revised Bylaws (adopted per the above balloting as of 4/19/94) will be published in the June NASIG Newsletter (see p.28), and are available from the Chair of the Bylaws Committee upon receipt of written request. (See p.28 for a revised copy of the Bylaws.)

**ANNUAL REPORT: CONTINUING  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1993-94 / Adrian  
Alexander**

Members of the Continuing Education Committee for the period June 1993 to June 1994 were:

Adrian W. Alexander, Chair (Faxon Company)  
Donnice Cochenour (Colorado State University)  
Kit Kennedy (Readmore)  
Janice Lange (Sam Houston State University)  
Janice Lindquist (Rice University)  
Anne McKee (Faxon Company)  
Denise Novak (Carnegie Mellon University)  
Marcia Tuttle (University of North Carolina)

During the past year, the Continuing Education took important steps toward achieving goals established by the Executive Board in January 1992 (see annual report for 1992/93). Specifically, progress was made in:

- developing NASIG participation throughout the country;
- \* enlisting the aid of regional councils and local/state groups;
- \* focusing on practitioners as our primary audience.

The committee is pleased to report that it planned and presented three successful and well-attended programs over the past year:

1. A serials workshop sponsored jointly with the Colorado Library Association and presented at its joint meeting with the Mountain Plains Library Association in Snowmass, CO in October 1993. This program was planned and implemented by committee members Donnice Cochenour and Anne McKee, whose excellent work is commended here.
2. A serials management workshop sponsored jointly with the New Jersey Library Association and presented in March 1994. Speakers included Mary Ellen Page, Phil Greene, and Sue Malawski. This program was planned initially by committee member Kit Kennedy with very able assistance from NASIG member Phil Greene. The chair would like to make particular note of the excellent support and assistance provided by Phil Greene.
3. In January 1994, the chair was approached by Board member Julia Gammon with a request for assistance from NASIG in planning a program

for Ohionet's spring meeting in April. The chair responded with a plan to present a modified version of the program on vendor selection that was the keynote of the fall workshop in Colorado. The program utilized local speakers (Carol Pitts Hawks of Ohio State and David Fritsch of Faxon) to negate costs to NASIG. The committee is grateful to these NASIG members for their fine work on this program.

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#### **ANNUAL REPORT: DIRECTORY AND DATABASE COMMITTEE 1993-94 / Beverley Geer-Butler**

The Directory and Database Committee enjoyed another busy and successful year. Committee members for 1993/1994 were Theresa Baker, Christine Christiansen, Beverley Geer-Butler (chair), Jim Mouw (Board Liaison), Roger L. Presley, Judith M. Shelton, and Joan Stephens.

The Committee performed its standard duties: maintaining the database, printing mailing labels for newsletters, ballots, and conference registration materials and producing the NASIG Membership Directory. As of this report, the membership is at 1,029 of which 219 are new members for 1994.

In July 1993, the Committee converted the database to a newer and more sophisticated version of the database manager software. The software contains a word processor which made many tasks much easier.

In response to a request from Newsletter Editor, Ellen Finnie Duranceau, the Committee provided regular lists of new members which were printed in the NASIG Newsletter. We also provided Ellen with information for the "Title Changes" column. We kept busy communicating with Susan Davis (Secretary) and Ann Ercelawn and Birdie MacLennan (Electronic Communications Committee) about mailing and electronic mail address changes.

The Committee streamlined the process of renewing memberships and updating directory information by creating a form that serves as a combination membership renewal and a directory update form. The form was mailed with the September 1993 Newsletter. Bulk mail is not forwarded when members move so many members did not receive the September newsletter and thus missed the renewal form. Because so many members did not receive

renewal forms, the Committee sent out renewal reminders in November and in December. For the coming renewal year, we are recommending that the Committee send the forms out separately using first class mail to insure delivery and forwarding.

The Board made very useful suggestions for material to include in the 1994 NASIG Membership Directory. As a result the Directory also serves as a *membership handbook* (although we DID NOT change the title) with information about committee structures and membership, responsibilities of the Officers and Board, and the ever-evolving world of NASIGNET. We were able to re-enlist the excellent skills of the typesetter and the printer who produced the 1993 Directory. The cost was approximately \$5600.00.

The Committee completed writing its charge and submitted it to the Board in October 1993. In 1994, the Committee will be working on refining the database record structure to accommodate newsletter subscription only "members" (approved by the Board in November 1993). We also must reconsider the size of the Committee and workload distribution.

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#### **ANNUAL REPORT: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 1993-94 / Marilyn Geller and Birdie MacLennan**

##### **CHARGE OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Electronic Communications Committee is: to encourage and enable the use of electronic communications throughout NASIG -- both as a tool for conducting organizational business, and as a means of informing the membership about the activities of the organization; to educate and inform the membership in regard to the use and potential of electronic communications media in general, and NASIGNET (the organization's electronic communications forum) in particular; and, to coordinate efforts with colleagues and supporters at the American Mathematical Society to plan, develop, implement, and maintain resources on NASIGNET.

The Electronic Communications Committee has had a busy and productive year in continuing collaboration with colleagues and supporters at the American Mathematical Society (AMS) to maintain and develop electronic services for the membership

via NASIGNET. We have outlined our major accomplishments below.

### **ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION FORUMS**

NASIGNET currently supports 18 listservers, or email discussion group forums, for the organization as a whole (NASIG-L) and most of its standing committees and working groups. Maintaining this many discussion forums is no small feat, and the Committee has several people to thank for numerous update, maintenance, and enhancement projects that took place throughout the course of the year.

In July 1993, shortly after the Brown conference, Ann Ercelawn coordinated a group of ECC volunteers -- including Shiela Osheroff, Maggie Rioux, and Geraldine Williams -- in contacting 1993/94 committee and working group chairs for the purpose of updating each of the lists' subscribers with new committee members names and email addresses.

As ECC members gathered names for list updates, Birdie MacLennan contacted outgoing chairs regarding decisions as to the previous years accumulation of archives -- or discussion list logs -- and whether or not archive information should be maintained for future committee use as part of the lists' archival record, downloaded and saved (possibly as part of the "official" organization archive record), or purged. Case-by-case decisions were made, and committee list updates were completed by mid-August. It was noted, at the end of the process, that clearer guidelines and/or a formal policy from the Board -- possibly in conjunction with the NASIG archivist, Board liaisons and committee chairs -- would be needed to aid the ECC in coordinating future decisions regarding list archives.

Following committee list updates, Birdie MacLennan and Ann Ercelawn coordinated efforts with Beverley Geer-Butler, Chair of the Directory & Database Committee to purge the NASIG-L subscriber listing of non-renewed members. The ECC anticipates that NASIG-L purges will be an annual event -- occurring shortly after the annual conference.

The NASIG-L purge effort resulted in 51 fewer subscribers on NASIG-L, bringing the August 1993 total to 687 subscribers, or approximately 70% of the total membership. Since that time, Ann and Beverley have continued to coordinate efforts to add 200+ new members to NASIG-L as they have joined the organization. As of May 1994, NASIG-L is comprised of 888 subscribers, and approximately

85%+ of the membership now has electronic access to services offered on NASIGNET.

Other listserv activities include the establishment of three new lists: NASIG-CONFPLAN, a working group that is drafting a conference planning manual; NASIG-AWARDS, the NASIG Research Award Task Force; and NASIG-NEWSER, the New Serialist Award Task Force.

In April 1994, the Unix listserv software that supports the NASIGNET lists was upgraded from version 5.5 to version 6.0b, and it had a title change, from "Listserv" to "Listproc" (for "Listprocessor"). In addition to greatly reducing the possibility of those rare, but unsightly mail loops, the upgrade brought enhanced mail options for receiving daily digests, concealing subscriber names from public review, and a limited search capability for the archives. Our thanks go to Dave Rodgers and Kevin Curnow, of AMS systems support, for making the new committee lists possible and ensuring a smooth software transition.

The software upgrade also marked a transition of listowner/coordinator responsibilities for the NASIGNET lists. As Birdie MacLennan stepped down from NASIG-L's primary listowner/coordinator role, Ann Ercelawn, who had been serving as backup owner, emerged to assume the primary role. Marilyn Geller also emerged as a new backup owner, making the transition complete.

With the formal publication of the NASIG Committee Charges in the April issue of NASIG Newsletter, Ann Ercelawn's first initiative as primary owner has been to establish "information" files for each of the committee and working group listservers. Each discussion forum list now has an easily accessible file comprised of information gathered from committee charges, Bylaws, or, in the case of new committees or working groups, information supplied by the Chair. NASIG members can now send an "info <listname>" email message to: listproc@e-math.ams.org to retrieve basic information from any active NASIG list about the committee or group in question, along with a name and email address for who to contact for additional information.

### **THE NASIGNET GOPHER**

The Gopher has been a hotbed of activity. In the fall of 1993, AMS granted the ECC security clearance for direct interaction and updates to NASIG Gopher menus and screens. This has enabled easier

collaboration between the ECC and NASIG Newsletter Board so that systematic procedures could be developed to get each Newsletter issue into the gopher as quickly as possible. Kathy Schmidt, Ellen Duranceau, Marilyn Geller, and Dave Rodgers team up to get the electronic version out as soon as the latest issue is sent to the printer. Once the e-version is mounted, Newsletter availability, along with the current issue's table of contents, is announced on NASIG-L. Because of the popularity of this service, NASIG members have been offered a choice as to whether or not they wish to receive the Newsletter in its printed version, or to opt for retrieving the electronic version from the NASIGNET gopher. The flexibility of the gopher's menu structure has also allowed the ECC to copy time sensitive articles from the Newsletter directories to the main gopher menu for quicker access. This technique was used to create access to the Vision Statement in February and March, and the Volunteer Form in April and May.

This spring, Maggie Rioux will be working with Marilyn Geller to help set up directories and files to link to the gopher. We are currently working with proceedings editors, Gail McMillan and Marilyn Norstedt, to get the electronic version of the 1993 Proceedings into the gopher with advice from Ann Okerson who coordinated the set up for the 1992 electronic proceedings.

Developments in new gopher server software can allow us to include more indexing and searching capabilities within the gopher. Installation of this kind of software is currently under review. We have also discussed possible additions to the NASIG gopher including adding a menu item about NASIG committees, their members, their charges and their activities, and a menu item for the NASIGNET manual. We are also still considering security options and possibilities for creating an online membership directory.

#### NASIGNET and Beyond

In March 1994, a 100 page training manual, NASIGNET and Beyond: Electronic Networking Resources for Serialists was distributed, for FREE to the NASIG membership. The guide is based on preconference workshop materials that were originally presented by Birdie MacLennan and Marilyn Geller at NASIG's 8th Annual Conference at Brown. Originally drafted to help members use and explore Internet tools and resources, the manual was the focus of intensive revision during the fall and early winter. The authors are indebted to a number

of people for making this publication possible: Maggie Rioux, Ann Ercelawn, and Ann Okerson, of the ECC, gave hours of substantive contributions, comments, revisions, and proofreading to the early and final drafts. Dan Tonkery, NASIG Treasurer, gave us the cover design and coordinated printing and distribution for the membership. Cindy Hepfer, President, Teresa Malinowski, Past President, and the entire NASIG Executive Board gave a great deal of support and guidance throughout the process.

#### PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM

In the fall of 1993, the Electronic Communications Committee began to explore options for activities at the Vancouver Conference. The collaborative efforts of the ECC and Kat MacGrath and Ann Doyle of the University of British Columbia produced this year's preconference theme, "Internet Tools and Resources: An Electronic Buffet," which will gather 7 presenters and @175 participants for a half day of general and breakout sessions revolving around the Internet. The recording of the Preconference Program for the 1994 Proceedings is being done by ECC committee members Kate Herzog, Betty Landesman, and Birdie MacLennan. We have also begun working on a small collection of quick reference handouts on some of the topics covered by the preconference. These handouts will be distributed to preconference registrants. Staffing of the Internet Access Room by Electronic Communications Committee members is tentatively planned during some of the hours that the room will be open.

#### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

One aspect of the charge of the Electronic Communications Committee is to help educate NASIG members about networked tools and resources. To do this, we need input from the members regarding what you'd like to know more about and in what manner we can get this information to you. We welcome your input and encourage you to share your ideas with us.

#### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 1993/94:

Marilyn Geller, Co-Chair (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
 Birdie MacLennan, Co-Chair (University of Vermont)  
 Ann Ercelawn (Vanderbilt University)  
 Cindy Hepfer, Ex-Officio (State University of New York - Buffalo)

Kate Herzog (State University of New York - Buffalo)  
Betty Landesman (George Washington University)  
Ann Okerson (Association of Research Libraries)  
Shiela Keil Osheroff (Oregon State University)  
Maggie Rioux (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)  
Geraldine Williams (Northern Kentucky University)

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**ANNUAL REPORT: LIBRARY SCIENCE  
STUDENT GRANT COMMITTEE 1993-94 / Lisa  
A. Macklin**

**Members**

Lisa Macklin, chair; Eleanor Cook, Gail Julian, Kenneth Kirkland, Janice Lange, Margaret Mering, Kay Teel, Sarah Tusa

Note: The committee was expanded by one additional member this year.

**Highlights**

The committee completed a statement of purpose and a calendar. Also, the committee provided information on providing a student conference rate to the Executive Board. All committee members made excellent suggestions for these reports. The committee was also profiled in the February issue of the NASIG Newsletter.

**Publicity**

The grant announcement was placed in fewer journals this year than in previous years. Responses from previous applicants indicates that students learned about the grant from listservs, librarians and library faculty. The grant announcement was also sent to SERIALST, NASIG-L, and AUTOCAT electronic lists. The number of students who are signed on to listservs is increasing and this has become the most effective way to publicize the grant. The committee recommends expanding the number and scope of listservs to publicize the grant.

One problem continues to exist with publicizing the grant. Letters were sent to deans/directors of all ALA-accredited library schools, to selected faculty, and to representatives at related libraries. The chair received requests for applications from students at library schools which received several copies of the grant announcement and application form. The students could not locate copies of the application at the library schools. It is recommended that only the

announcement be mailed to deans/directors of library schools to save postage. Contacts at related libraries and library faculty appear to be doing an excellent job of reaching potential applicants and should still receive a copy of the announcement and application.

**Applications**

No changes were made to the application this year. However, the committee has compiled several recommendations for changes in the application for next year.

**Selection guidelines and criteria**

The selection process remained the same for this year. The two-step process continues to provide an objective approach to the selection of recipients, although the decision is never easy with so many excellent applicants. This year, 55 applications were received, which is the second highest total ever.

As mentioned last year, the committee continues to be concerned about balancing recipients with paraprofessional experience and those without. There is a definite trend of more applicants having paraprofessional serials experience. The committee will continue to look for ways to assure that applicants without paraprofessional experience be represented among the grant recipients.

**Grant recipients for 1994**

This year's recipients are:

Elizabeth Isabella, Kay Johnson, Cheryl Middleton, Trina Richard, Cindy Shearrer, Jennifer Yeaple

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**ANNUAL REPORT: NASIG NEWSLETTER  
1993-94 / Ellen Finnie Duranceau**

This was a consolidating year for the Newsletter Editorial Board. The Newsletter saw few major innovations, but we continued to hone our procedures and develop various aspects of the Newsletter. We kept to our production schedule, distributing five issues. We launched a new feature, a list of new members, which is compiled by the chair of the Directory and Database Committee, Beverley Geer-Butler, and now appears in each issue. We continued to develop the committee profile feature, profiling several committees, and added committee charges along with the volunteer form in the April issue. Both the profiles and the charges are intended to help members understand how NASIG works and choose where they would like to participate.



We also made significant progress towards our goal of increasing reporting on serials-related meetings, including coverage of AAUP, ALA, SSP, UKSG, The International Conference on Refereed Electronic Journals, and the Charleston Conference, among others. We continued to offer, in conjunction with the Electronic Communications Committee, the electronic version of the Newsletter in advance of the print, providing members with the option to subscribe only to the electronic version for the first time.

This year Kathy Schmidt continued her excellent work as Production Editor, not only pulling together disparate bits into a coherent and attractive whole for each issue, but also preparing the electronic files for the gopher version of each issue, and experimenting with a desktop publishing package to improve the format of the newsletter. Kathy completes her fourth year with the Newsletter this year, and will be stepping down from the board after a long and very productive tenure. Our thanks to Kathy for all of her good and timely work, so essential to the Newsletter.

Maggie Horn, Distribution Editor, carefully tracked costs throughout the year and kept us on schedule with the mailing of each issue. She followed through on the Executive Board's decision to mail new members the most recent issue of the Newsletter, and prepared two special mailings for the UKSG that were sent with the Newsletter. Maggie will also be leaving her current position after the completion of her two-year term in June this year, but we will not lose her sense of humor or conscientious approach, for she has accepted an offer to take on the Production Editor position that will be vacated by Kathy. After a long and productive search this spring, including screening a large group of very qualified candidates, we have found a replacement for Maggie, Vikki Medaglia, who will begin her work with the fall issue.

This year we changed the composition of the editorial board, deciding not to refill the position of Submissions Editor when the incumbent, Daphne Miller, was obligated to reduce her contributions after a job change. Instead, we created a new editorial board position, the Columns Editor, and appointed Carol MacAdam (one of the applicants for Distribution Editor) to this new role, to begin with the fall issue. Carol will oversee the regular columns in each issue, including New Members, Title Changes, and the Calendar.

## **ANNUAL REPORT: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 1993-94 / Kathy Soupiset**

### **Committee Members:**

Anne Farwell (CANEBSCO)  
Martin Gordon (Franklin & Marshall College)  
Judy Johnston (University of North Texas)  
Lawrence Keating II (University of Houston)  
Judy Luther (Faxon)  
Teresa Malinowski, Board Liaison (California State University, Fullerton)  
Kathy Soupiset, Chair (Trinity University)

The activities of the Committee are dictated by a fairly strict timetable in order for the nominations and elections process to be completed according to the NASIG Bylaws. During the summer and early fall we received a total of 41 names in nomination, some of whom were nominated for more than one office. Ten of these declined to be considered, one withdrew later, and one did not return paperwork. So, in the end, the Committee considered 29 nominees in its deliberations. Each of the Committee members made comments about how excellent was the pool of nominees, and how difficult was the process to choose the "best of the best." One committee member likened it to being the "AP reviewer for the pro bowl!"

In making its deliberations to develop a slate, the Committee members evaluated nominees using assessment criteria developed by an earlier nominating committee and approved by the Board. Nominees were rated in three areas: 1) level of commitment to NASIG, 2) other relevant activities, 3) position statement. Before finalizing the slate, the Committee considered other issues, including the number of candidates to run for each office, and geographical and constituency representation of NASIG membership.

The Committee-recommended slate was forwarded to the Board for its approval in early January. Approval was received, and ballots were prepared and mailed in mid-February. Returned ballots were counted if they were postmarked on or before March 22. As soon as the President, the Board, and the candidates were informed, the results were also announced to the NASIG membership through NASIG-L on April 4, 1994.

Thus, the main work of the Committee was completed. Another activity this year was to update/revise the Committee's charge, and to refine

the timetable.

Some of the issues which were important discussion points for the Committee included the difficulty of qualified people being able to commit to the time, workload, and institutional support involved in V-P/Pres-Elect, thereby preventing them from running for that office; the necessity for numerous reminders to the membership about deadlines; and the difficulty of *long-distance communication* even in this age of electronic communication. We sincerely thank the NASIG leadership and the Board for their attention to our questions. And we especially applaud the efforts they are making to bring the responsibilities and commitment required for Vice President and President to workable limits. At the same time, we realize that NASIG needs and wants leaders who have high ideals and who are willing to make some sacrifices for the commitment they feel toward the organization.

The Nominations and Elections Committee had a very productive year and was pleased to announce the election of outstanding leaders for the coming year (see election results on p. 6).

The Chair wishes to thank the entire Committee for its great work this year, especially in meeting deadlines. Special thanks go to: Martin Gordon, for assisting with e-mail announcements to the membership (this despite some of the worst winter weather in the deep Penn woods in years); to Teresa Malinowski, for her valued advice as Board Liaison (this despite southern California's earthquakes, fires, and floods); and to Beverley Geer-Butler and Beatrice McKay, NASIG colleagues at Trinity University, for their help in mailing the ballots (this despite all the lovely diversions available in sunny San Antonio -- does that seem fair?). Thanks to all.

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#### **ANNUAL REPORT: NASIG PROCEEDINGS 1993-94 / Gail McMillan and Marilyn L. Norstedt**

One interesting way to meet a lot of fellow serialists is to become an editor of the NASIG proceedings. The tasks attendant to the actual edition of the material sometimes seem to take a back seat as the editors attempt to select workshop recorders, send out instructions and contract forms to a host of speakers and recorders (more than three dozen), and keep track of those who have returned contracts but have not sent a paper, those who have sent a paper but

haven't signed the contract, and those who have sent in nothing at all. We are fortunate to live in an era of e-mail and fax machines.

Because of our schedules, we were unable to visit Haworth Press, which probably was to our disadvantage. We seemed to have no single contact at the press; this was inconvenient but possibly was our fault. However, the Haworth copy editor was very alert in handling her part of the process, and her notes and comments were quite helpful. Unfortunately, one of the speakers objected to Haworth's stand on document delivery and asked that her paper not be printed. She agreed, however, that the paper be included in the electronic version of the proceedings.

Haworth has been publishing the proceedings for a number of years and, like most publishers, finds that an established format is easy to process. The changes we made from the format of the previous proceedings caused some difficulty, but the problems eventually were resolved.

We hope that the final product, either in print or electronic format, will prove useful and interesting to the readers. And, of course, we thank everyone - speakers, recorders, NASIG board members, and Haworth personnel - who helped in the publication of the 1993 proceedings.

#### **PROCEEDINGS ANNUAL REPORT PART 2: EDITOR SEARCH**

As Gail McMillan and Marilyn Norstedt completed their term as co-editors of the 1993 Proceedings, the NASIG Executive Board had to find a replacement. The question was: Should a new search be conducted or should previous applicants for the position be re-considered?

In the previous editor's search NASIG had been extremely fortunate to receive many applications from the membership from many qualified individuals and teams. The decision was made to reconsider the remaining applications from those who had previous applied last year rather than open a new search this time.

After a careful screening of the applications, including conference calls, interviews, etc., Mary Ann Sheble and Beth Holley of the University of Alabama were invited to be the editors of the 1994 Proceedings.

**ANNUAL REPORT: PROFESSIONAL LIAISON  
COMMITTEE 1993-94 / Minna C. Saxe**

The Professional Liaison Committee (PLC) consists of individuals who serve as liaisons to and from NASIG and another organization. The Committee was established by NASIG to: (1) establish a formal line of communication between NASIG and other professional organizations interested in the serials information chain; (2) assure the continuity of communication once links have been established; (3) communicate concerns and information between organizations.

As of May 1994, there are twelve organizations which have liaisons with NASIG. Of these, the Canadian Library Association's Serials Interest Group re-established a liaison with NASIG this year, and the Journals Committee of the Professional/Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers established a liaison. A listing of the liaisons and the organizations which they represent is follows.

At the NASIG Executive Board Meeting of February 4, 1994, "the Board agreed that it (the PLC) would no longer be a standing committee, but would be coordinated by a Board liaison...Liaisons will be asked to write reports on the sister organization and its activities for the Newsletter and provide the coordinator with the dates of that organization's conference. The Board liaison will also maintain a roster of liaisons which will also appear annually in the Newsletter and the Directory."

*Professional Liaison Committee Roster, May 1994*

American Library Association: Susan Davis

American Association of Law Libraries: Cecilia Kwan

Association of American Publishers, Professional/Scholarly Publishing Division, Journals Committee: Susan Malawski

Association of American University Presses: Janet Fisher and Julie Gammon

Canadian Library Association, Serials Interest Group: Wayne Jones

Canadian Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee: Lucy Bottomley

CONSER: Kevin McShane

Library Binding Institute: Sally Grauer

Medical Library Association: Barbara Carlson

Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC): Tina Feick

Special Libraries Association: Audrey N. Greene

United Kingdom Serials Group: Albert Prior

NASIG Board Liaison: Susan Davis

Professional Liaison Committee Chair: Minna Saxe

**ANNUAL REPORT: PROGRAM PLANNING  
COMMITTEE 1993-94 / October Ivins and Julie  
Gammon**

The Brown conference was the first one to employ a large committee. Based on that success, we again selected a large program committee, in reflection of NASIG's goal of member involvement and mentoring. The committee is working as two subcommittees, with four members continuing from last year. Julie Gammon chairs the workshop group, which includes continuing member Michele Crump; former Board member Rosanna O'Neil; and Roberta Winjum and Carol Magenau, both of whom served as workshop leaders in 1993. The plenary/concurrent/preconference group is chaired by October Ivins and includes continuing member Bobbie Carlson; Alex Bloss, who brings extensive non-NASIG programming experience; and Karen Darling, who contributes a West Coast and a cataloging perspective. The group has been hard at work since August and has duties that will continue through the Vancouver conference. It has been a wonderful experience to work with these talented and dedicated NASIG members.

This year we tried several experiments. For the first time, we selected and announced a theme in the call for papers and moved the response deadline up to August 1, 1993. Our fears that an early proposal deadline would reduce the number of submissions proved groundless. We have concluded that the appeal of an announced theme and an aggressive solicitation of proposals outweighed the deadline change. In response to the 70 proposals received (nearly doubling the 40 received the previous year), we designed and used a rating and evaluation form for peer reviewing the proposals. This approach had some benefits but seemed to defer discussion until later in the process. We will continue to refine the process. One of the most difficult jobs the committee performs is in deciding which proposals will not be used and preparing rejection letters. As the quality as well as the number of proposals increases every year, it appears this task will continue to be a challenging one. This year we used more proposals in the plenary and concurrent sessions than ever before. We also identified and invited other speakers to provide balance and vision to our program. Scheduling was unexpectedly difficult, since we were determined to offer a preconference, to repeat concurrent sessions, and to retain time for committee meetings and informal discussion groups, while local plans required longer meal periods.

These challenges were successfully met. The program "A Kaleidoscope of Choices: Reshaping Roles and Opportunities for Serialists" includes eight

plenary speakers, eleven concurrent speakers in five concurrent sessions, and thirty-nine workshop leaders in eighteen workshops. The preconference, "Internet Tools and Resources: An Electronic Buffet" features two general session speakers and five breakout sessions with five speakers. By the May 2, 1995 registration deadline, we met our budgeted target of 500 attendees.

This achievement was true team effort, involving not only our committee, but members of the Electronic Communications Committee (especially co-chairs Birdie MacLennan and Marilyn Geller) who developed an exciting Internet Preconference; members of the Conference Planning Committee (especially chair Kat McGrath, who helped with speaker suggestions, the registration brochure and innumerable arrangements and Diane Grover and Laurie Sutherland who assembled, edited and mailed the brochure). We also received invaluable advice from Cindy Hepfer, Susan Davis and Teresa Malinowski, and other members of the NASIG Board.

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#### **NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD CHANGES / Ellen Finnie Duranceau**

After this issue of the Newsletter, there will be several changes in the editorial board, as many of us complete our terms.

Kathy Schmidt, Production Editor for four years, completes her term with this issue. Many thanks to Kathy for her dependability and accuracy and for her key role in bringing up the electronic version of the Newsletter.

Maggie Horn, Distribution Editor for the past two years, also completes her term with this issue. Maggie will be applying her conscientious and down-to-earth approach elsewhere on the editorial board, since she will follow Kathy in the position of Production Editor.

We also have two new appointments:

Vikki Medaglia is our new Distribution Editor, appointed for a two-year term. Vikki is Serials Librarian at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and will be working on quick and cost-effective distribution of the Newsletter. Since she has experience managing mailing lists and can rely on

excellent facilities at Bates, we expect her to get off to a good start with the September issue.

Carol MacAdam has been appointed to the position of Columns Editor for a two-year term. Carol is Assistant Order Librarian at Princeton University, and will be the first to hold this new position. As Columns Editor, Carol will be responsible for the New Members and Titles Changes columns and for the calendar, as well as for developing ideas for other regular columns. Carol would appreciate any and all suggestions for additional columns.

Welcome to Vikki and Carol, and to Maggie in her new role.

The complete editorial board, beginning with the September issue, will be:

Ellen Finnie Duranceau, Editor-in-Chief  
Maggie Horn, Production Editor  
Carol MacAdam, Columns Editor  
Vikki Medaglia, Distribution Editor

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#### **TITLE CHANGES / Ellen Finnie Duranceau and Carol MacAdam**

This column is a joint effort between me and Carol MacAdam, the new Columns Editor (and she did most of the work!). In the future, please send any announcements about yourself or other members to Carol at the following address:

Carol MacAdam  
Assistant Order Librarian  
Princeton University  
Library, Order Division  
One Washington Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
Phone: 609-258-5342  
Fax: 609-258-5571  
Email: cmacadam@pucc.bitnet

The following members have reported changes in position or title since the last issue:

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Tina Feick, Senior Serials Specialist in the Periodicals Division at Blackwell's, has a new address. It is: 33 Gallo Court, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. She can be reached at 609-895-0090 (phone) or at 609-895-7192 (fax). Her email is feick@bnamf.blackwell.com.

LeGrande Fletcher reports that "formerly an MLIS/JD student and Catalog Paraprofessional at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, I am now Technical Services Librarian at Washoe County Law Library in Reno, Nevada." LeGrande says that "serials retrospective conversion is my first project and there are plenty of others on the way." LeGrande can be reached at 702-328-3250, or by fax at 702-323-0601.

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Joan Thomas Hoolihan, formerly cataloging librarian, is now Head, Serials Automation at the Edward G. Miner Library. She can be reached at [hojo@egm.lib.rochester.edu](mailto:hojo@egm.lib.rochester.edu).

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Brenda James has been promoted to Associate Librarian for Serials at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She now does all the serials work and serials is all she does, and she loves it. Because the library is not too large, Brenda does acquisitions, including the annual review of all subscriptions, working with faculty on analyzing use of the collection, and receipts, binding, film, and cataloging. Brenda has streamlined the tasks involving serials, so she can now do more of the tasks herself than could previously be done by one person.

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Steve Kochoff at Turner Subscriptions reports that his new title (which is new for Turner also) as National Sales Director more aptly describes what he has been doing than his old title of Director of Marketing. Steve's job has not changed, only his title. He especially enjoys the variety of interaction he experiences with people using the service, or thinking of using the service.

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Diane Melnychuk tells us that her title change to Head, Collection Development Services at Cedar Crest College resulted when the jointly-managed Cedar Crest and Muhlenberg College libraries dissolved their cooperative link and became independently managed. This split was effective January 1, 1994. Diane's job of collection development for both libraries has evolved to the same job for only Cedar Crest College Library, where she is involved in book, serial, and A/V acquisition.

Mary Salony was a student grant recipient at NASIG 1992 in Chicago. She completed her MLS at Clarion University (PA) in 1992. While a Graduate Assistant at Clarion she worked in serials. Her first job after completing her degree was as Children's Librarian with the Butler County (PA) Traveling Library, through December 1992. In January 1993 she accepted a position as Technical Services Librarian at West Virginia Northern Community College in Wheeling. She handles all aspects of tech services and inter-library loans, does reference work and bibliographic instruction. Her background in serials, including the experience of attending the NASIG conference, has proven invaluable in all areas of her work.

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Karen Zuidema, another grant recipient, sends word that "I left my Library Assistant II position in the University of Illinois at Chicago Catalog Department and accepted a position as Professional Library Associate and Visiting Instructor in the same department after receiving my MS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in December 1993. My responsibilities have changed dramatically from copy cataloging serials. I am serving on a systems subcommittee and have been assigned to a technical services task force. Every once in a while I still get to catalog. At the moment I am doing original cataloging of monographs. I do hope serials will be in my cataloging future, since after being introduced to NASIG through the student grant program last year, it is my excuse to affiliate myself with a great organization." Karen's phone number is 312-413-2571; her email address is [u49643@uicvm.uic.edu](mailto:u49643@uicvm.uic.edu).

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## CORRECTION

Please note that there were two errors in the listing for Karen Tallman on p.37 of the April NASIG Newsletter, under State Representatives. Karen's phone number should be 602-621-6419 (not 602-621-6422) and her Internet address should be tallman@ccit.arizona.edu (not tallman@ccip.arizona.edu). Sorry, Karen! --Ed.

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## REPORTS OF SERIALS-RELATED MEETINGS:

### ALA 1994 MIDWINTER MEETING: ALCTS SERIALS SECTION COMMITTEE TO STUDY SERIALS CATALOGING: MINUTES SUMMARY / Ann Erceclawn, Committee Intern

Ann Vidor, Chair, convened the Midwinter meeting of the Committee to Study Serials Cataloging on Monday, Feb. 7. Regina Reynolds, Acting LC Liaison, reported the loss of 13 staff in the Serial Record Division at the end of 1993 due to retirements, among them Dorothy Glasby. Questions formerly directed to Glasby may now be e-mailed to cpso@mail.loc.gov.

Other developments at LC include the appointment of Barbara Tillet as the new head of CPSO, a proposed change in LC's treatment of series and multipart items, several proposed revisions to rule interpretations for uniform titles, and expansion of whole serials cataloging. In CONSER news, Jean Hiron announced that the first update of the CONSER Cataloging Manual is now available for

purchase, and that a new edition of the CONSER Editing Guide will be published this year.

Jean Altschuler reported on the highlights of CC:DA meetings, and Altschuler and Reynolds reported on the status of various MARBI discussion papers and proposals.

The Committee considered questions regarding the choice of qualifiers in uniform titles for serials submitted by Enrique Gildemeister. After considerable discussion, Reynolds indicated that LC will issue a revised draft of R.I. 25.5B with emphasis on greater latitude in the choice of uniform title qualifiers.

Vidor announced that two regional serials cataloging institutes are being planned, one in Atlanta in April 1995, and a second in San Francisco later in the fall. A tentative list of topics for the institutes includes: cataloging computer files, legal serials, and multimedia titles, interpreting older records, and controversies in serials cataloging.

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#### UNITED KINGDOM SERIALS GROUP 17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, UMIST MANCHESTER, APRIL 11-14 1994

A personal view by Ros Doig

[Ros is Serials and Interlending Librarian at the University of Derby. We are fortunate to have another lively UKSG report from her again this year. --Ed.]

Monday, the first day of the conference, turned out to be bright and sunny which was quite in contrast to the dreadful weather of Easter Week. By evening it was almost summer. Manchester's red-brick industrial buildings positively glowed under a blue sky broken by an occasional lazy cloud.

The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) lies at the heart of the city near the main railway station. A modern campus cut by an impressive brick built viaduct blends with more traditional buildings.

The delegates trickled in all afternoon along with exhibition paraphernalia. Some concern was caused by the absence of colleagues delayed by a motorway accident but they all arrived eventually safe and sound. Soon the exhibition hall was buzzing with people and interest.

The opening address was given by Professor Noel McAuliffe from UMIST's Department of Chemistry. He described experiments he'd conducted to turn waste materials into oil and thereby produce energy. It was most interesting but didn't quite connect with the conference somehow. I wondered if he might like my unwanted serial back runs for his digestors. The thought of turning them into oil was really quite exciting.

Tuesday morning's papers got the main business of the conference off to an excellent start. Sheila Corrall from the library at Aston University spoke about balance in collection management indicating the need for wider recognition of information services as a core component in libraries and that document acquisition should match more closely to actual demand.

Ian Snowley from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food described how he had tackled the



difficult task of putting his library supply services out to contract. I was much encouraged by this as he revealed that it was an opportunity for the library to evaluate what they wanted from their suppliers and to monitor the service they received. It wasn't quite the imposition I'd imagined it to be!

**Alasdair Paterson** from the library at the University of Sheffield finished the session with a lively talk entitled "Next to Nellie: people, resources, training and development." He described the changing role of Nellie who trains other library staff. Once upon a time we all looked over Nellie's shoulder but now trainers need to be trained to train others. The process should be continuous, constantly developing and much more active than simply watching someone else!

The first session in the afternoon was presented by **Thomas Graham**, the Librarian from the University of York. He had been part of the group that produced the Follett Review, officially entitled "Joint Funding Councils' Libraries Review Group" and chaired by Professor Sir Brian Follett. This review looks at libraries in higher education and covers such topics as management of the library in the institution, library resources, library provision in support of teaching and research, information technology, and copyright. Among its terms of reference were two clauses: (i) to investigate the future national needs for the development of library and information resources including operational and study space requirements for teaching and research in education institutions, and (ii) to identify ways to meet those needs. Interestingly enough in the light of this conference's papers it was also asked to take into account the current and potential impact of information technology on information provision.

**Diana Leitch** from the University of Manchester's Information Services gave an informative talk on current alerting services, raising such issues as "who are the users, what do they want, what is cost effective, what is the role of the librarian, and how do you do it."

From this point on the conference developed the theme of information in the form of electronic communication, starting where last year's conference left off. We were regaled with a mind-stretching array of electronic developments. **Herman**

**Pabbruwe** from Kluwer Academic Publishers in the Netherlands gave the other talk on Tuesday afternoon about EDI and the work of ICEDIS (International Committee on EDI for Serials). I start getting quite mesmerized when the speakers turn to electronic themes and can be seen with hypnotic gaze following tentatively in the gurus' footsteps!! EDI fascinates me as it cuts out the need for mountains of paper and repetition in the recording of information. The potential of electronic communication is quite extraordinary and sometimes seems to dwell in the realm of science fiction for us more 'down to earth' types. I suspect a good number of us still don't have access to the equipment to be in the avant-garde of this movement.

Wednesday morning gave us four papers. The first on publishing via the network by **David Pullinger** of the Institute of Physics Publishing Ltd. was wonderfully set against the second by **Stevan Harnard**, editor of Behavioral & Brain Sciences USA. Pullinger spoke about the difficulties of publishing electronically and trying to set up the same controls as exist with the printed versions. Harnard on the other hand perhaps played the devil's advocate by making the point that enthusiasts of the medium are innocents abroad in the field of scholarly publication but not in the field of electronic communication. Anyone can do it and therefore the need for peer reviewing/quality control is ignored and indeed is seen as a kind of censorship. My understanding of what he was saying could be summed up as "All users of a network are equal but some are more equal than others especially in the field of electronic publishing."

The other two papers also dealt with the theme of communication via the network. **Ann Ramsden** from the Information Centre at De Montfort University Leicester's site at Milton Keynes described her involvement in creating an electronic library (one of the first in Britain), based on client server architecture and commercial document image processing technologies. Access is via desktop workstations distributed across the various campuses of the university in different parts of the country.

**Tony Addyman** from the Department of Maths and Computer Science at the University of Salford followed this up by explaining how to find information via the Internet using tools like Gopher

and World Wide Web to provide access to all kinds of databases.

The theme of CWIS or community/campus wide information services was followed up on Thursday morning with two speakers specifically talking about this subject. Michele Shoebridge from the University of Birmingham described how the library had set up and now maintains the university CWIS. She also spoke of the need for control, consistency and a corporate image to safeguard information which is official against that which is not.

Mary Davies from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund then gave a description of the electronic current awareness service she provides via a CWIS-like network to the many ICRF bases around the country using tools like Gopher to access internal and external information resources.

After all this our penultimate speaker suggested that "academics can do it by themselves." This paper by John Lindsay was given on his behalf by Bob Roberts, a fellow colleague from Kingston University, Surrey. He looked at serials publication from the academics' point of view and suggested that with the availability of electronic networking, academics could bypass publishers and libraries altogether! However, each have a role to play because as our other speakers indicated, much control is needed in financial matters, quality management and information access.

The final paper brought us out of the ether with an amusing, well-illustrated talk by Alan Marchbank of the National Library of Scotland. He described a touring exhibition he had organized on a history of popular magazines which enabled him to bring out of storage some of the more interesting items in the NLS. A fascinating insight into the social history of yesteryear!

The papers were well-supported by a number of workshops relating directly to the papers given by our speakers. Delegates could attend three workshops during the conference: two on Tuesday, one on Wednesday. I attended workshops on ICEDIS - EDI between agents, journal publishers and customers, the exploitation and marketing of serials, and, exploring campus-wide information services (CWIS's). They were all useful and informative. The latter was of

special interest being a hands-on, do-it-yourself session using the micro-computer room in UMIST's Joule Library.

The less serious business of the conference was conducted in the evenings and on Wednesday afternoon. On Monday evening we were entertained by a tuba quartet playing a variety of music from Bach to the Beatles. On Tuesday evening after dinner a group of clog dancers enthralled us with a dazzling display of nimble footwork. On Wednesday afternoon various visits were arranged to places of interest, including famous Manchester libraries, an old cotton mill which is now a working museum, and the Granada TV Studios. The same evening we were given a civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Manchester at the Town Hall; a truly magnificent example of Victorian Gothic architecture. This was followed by the Conference Dinner and dance though I doubt whether the worthy citizens of the past would have endorsed the choice of dance music ringing through its hallowed halls!

All in all I found the conference to be excellent both in calibre of speaker and in what they had to say. The supporting workshops, exhibition and entertainment were also of a high standard. The potential of electronic communication in particular excites me and I found my mind darting off on tracks of its own as prompted by remarks from the speakers. However, I would reiterate my comments of last year. Until we are all suitably equipped, some of this electronic wizardry is only a dream. If I have a criticism it is simply to say that some of our speakers assumed that we all had the technical know-how to understand what they were talking about. Nevertheless I thoroughly enjoyed the conference this year, not least because I spent quite a time in the pleasant company of my American colleagues!

**ARL/AAUP SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT &  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
MAKING THE FUTURE WORK TODAY**

*Association of American University Presses  
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In Partnership with:  
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*Sponsor the Fourth Symposium of the ARL and AAUP: Visions  
and Opportunities in Electronic Publishing, November 5-7,  
1994, Washington, DC*

The symposium series sponsored by the ARL and the AAUP has become a space apart, where stakeholders in academe and scholarly communications -- faculty, librarians, and publishers from university presses and learned/professional societies -- can gather to exchange information about their interests and concerns. The Fourth Symposium will focus on four issues: fair use, cost recovery, developing content, and cooperative ventures. As the title indicates, the organizers are especially keen to explore those areas where the interests of the various participants may appear to diverge and in stimulating productive discussions, particularly within academe, about concrete ways in which we can work together to resolve any differences.

As customary, the Symposium will open late Saturday afternoon with keynote addresses, reception, and convivial dining opportunities in cafes and restaurants of Washington, DC.

Both Sunday and Monday will feature a mix of plenary and breakout sessions. Plenary sessions will focus on the overarching themes of:

- Defining Fair Use in the Networked Environment
- Exploring Alternative Cost Recovery Mechanisms
- Filling the Pipeline: Innovations in Electronic Scholarship
- Realigning Campus Roles and Relationships

Breakout sessions are designed to encourage small group interaction with symposium participants. The presentations will be a concentrated introduction to inform the audience of what is involved in the work being described. Visual presentation and detailed handouts will be emphasized. The breakouts will be of two types:

- Demonstrations of innovative applications of new technologies (e.g., multimedia, Mosaic, Acrobat, hyperlinks) to a publishing activity, which might include business innovations such as advertising, cost recovery.

-Case studies of successful networked publishing projects that emphasize the content and look/feel of the work, rather than the technology per se.

We seek a range of offerings that include administration and management, theory, legal issues, the practice of publishing and librarianship as it embraces networked electronic cooperative ventures, economics, specific projects, live demos, scholarly projects, and any other related areas. The proposals may come from the wide range of people involved in academic scholarly and scientific communications: scholars, scientists, administrators, press and society personnel, librarians, software and hardware creators, and others in related fields. We are particularly interested in proposals for papers that offer new perspectives on, and propose solutions to, the issues mentioned above in the not-for-profit higher education environment.

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Speakers and presenters will be offered assistance with expenses. Speakers must supply copies of their papers, demonstrations, or case studies in publishable form at the time of the symposium. These will be published in the Symposium proceedings.

The Third Symposium, Gateways and Gatekeepers, held in November 1993 attracted 160 participants and featured one post-event optional excursion, "A Day in the Electronic Village," created by the University of Virginia Library. The November 1994 Symposium will offer two excursions:

- "Day in the Village" (University of Virginia Library), and,
- "Day at the University Press" (The Johns Hopkins University Press with the support of the Eisenhower Library, JHU).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-10, 1994

Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Meeting  
Sheraton Palace in San Francisco, CA

June 11-16, 1994

SLA Annual Conference  
Atlanta, GA

June 14-18, 1994

Canadian Library Association Annual Conference  
Vancouver, British Columbia

June 23-30, 1994

ALA Annual Conference  
Miami, FL

September 25-27, 1995

European Federation of Serials Groups Third  
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(See full announcement on p.26)

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## NASIG BYLAWS

### Article I. Name.

The name of this group shall be the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. (NASIG).

### Article II. Objectives.

The objectives of NASIG shall be:

1. To provide a means for the exchange and dissemination of information in the network of serial publishers, vendors, dealers, distributors, binders, librarians, students and other groups or individuals with serial interests and concerns.
2. To establish and maintain among the NASIG membership a means of communicating serial interests and concerns.
3. To provide a program of continuing education for members of NASIG and other individuals with serial interests and concerns.
4. To convene an annual conference of the membership of NASIG.
5. To publish the proceedings of the Annual Conference, and any other publications as authorized by the Executive Board.

### Article III. Membership.

#### Section 1. Membership and rights.

Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG.

#### Section 2. Dues and fiscal year.

- Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1 through December 31, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by a mail ballot. A two thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision.

### Article IV. Executive Officers.

#### Section 1. Titles.

The executive officers of NASIG shall constitute a president, a vice president/president elect, a secretary and a treasurer.

#### Section 2. Eligibility.

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to an executive office, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

#### Section 3. Duties.

The duties of the Executive Officers shall be as specified in the parliamentary authority adopted by NASIG, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

In case of a continued failure by any one officer to fulfill the duties of the office, the Executive Board may, by a vote of three-fourths of its members, declare the office vacant.

#### Section 4. Terms of Office.

The vice president/president elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year after election as president, and shall serve the third year after election on the Executive board as past president. All other executive officers of NASIG shall be elected for a term of two years. With the exception of the vice president/president elect, all executive officers shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all executive board members shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

#### Section 5. Vacancies.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall succeed to fulfill the unexpired term and to continue in that capacity for the following full term. Any other vacancy may be filled by appointment of the Executive Board, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.



## **Article V. Executive Board.**

### **Section 1. Composition.**

The Executive Board shall consist of the executive officers of NASIG, the immediate past president and six members-at-large who shall be nominated, elected and serve in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws. Ex-officio members, appointed by the Board to assist the organization in any capacity, may serve at the pleasure of the Board.

### **Section 2. Eligibility.**

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board, except as otherwise indicated in these Bylaws.

### **Section 3. Duties.**

The Executive Board, as a whole, shall have authority over the affairs of NASIG, shall submit reports and recommendations to the membership, and shall perform such other duties as specified in these Bylaws. The membership may, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at any meeting as provided for in Article VIII, revise the actions of the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall perform the duties inherent to Board membership. In case of continued failure of any one member to participate in the deliberations of the Board, the Board may, by a vote of three-fourths of its members, declare the office vacant. Each member-at-large shall serve as a liaison between the Board and at least one Standing Committee.

### **Section 4. Terms of Office.**

Executive Board members-at-large shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall be eligible for re-election for no more than one additional term without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all members of the Executive Board shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

### **Section 5. Vacancies.**

Vacancies in the elected positions of the Executive Board shall be filled by appointments of the Executive Board, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

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## **Article VI. Committees.**

### **Section 1. Composition.**

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible to serve on committees. The President of NASIG shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

### **Section 2. Standing Committees.**

Standing committees, and their chairpersons, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. The size of the committee shall be determined by its needs. Committees may be subdivided, and additional appointments made, with the approval of the Executive Board and the chairpersons of the committees.

### **Section 3. Terms of Office.**

Members of standing committees, except the Nominating Committee and new standing committees, shall be appointed for terms of two years unless appointed by special action of the Board, and may be reappointed for a second term. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for terms of one year. Nominating Committee members can be reappointed for a second one year term provided that at least 50 percent of the committee consists of new members. In no case shall a member serve on a committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

When establishing a new committee, half of the members shall be appointed for a one year term and half for a two year term. After the first year, all terms will be for two years.

### **Section 4. Special Committees.**

The Executive Board may appoint special committees for a specific purpose and for a specific term.

## **Article VII. Nominations and Elections.**

### **Section 1. Nominations.**

The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for the positions of vice president/president elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. Other nominations for these offices, endorsed by at least ten active members of NASIG, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee. Any such nominations shall be included on the official ballot. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled, and shall also provide on the ballot a space for write-in candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to insure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. The Nominating Committee chairperson shall report nominations to the NASIG President at least ninety days prior to the Annual Conference.

### **Section 2. Elections.**

Elections shall be held by mail ballot at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference. Candidates receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected, and be so declared at the Annual Conference. In case of a tie vote, the Nominating Committee shall decide the election by lot. A written notice of those elected shall be mailed to each member within sixty days of the election.

## **Article VIII. Meetings.**

An annual business meeting shall be called by Executive Board, to be held at the site of, and in conjunction with, the Annual Conference. Other meetings as deemed necessary may be called by the Executive Board. Notice of meetings shall be mailed to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting and shall include notice of business to be transacted.

## **Article IX. Annual Review.**

The accounts of the Treasurer of NASIG shall be reviewed annually by an auditor chosen by the Executive Board.

## **Article X. Dissolution.**

In the event of the dissolution of NASIG, all assets and property remaining after meeting necessary expenses shall be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to an order of the Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

## **Article XI. Parliamentary Authority.**

Robert's Rules of Order(Revised), in the latest edition, shall govern all meetings of the membership and the Executive Board in all cases where it is not inconsistent with these Bylaws. A parliamentarian may be appointed for an indefinite term by the Executive Board to serve as a consultant to the Board.

## **Article XII. Bylaws.**

### **Section 1. Amendments.**

Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee, or may be presented at any meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Bylaws Committee to each member at least thirty days prior to the call for vote. Voting shall be by mail ballot. Adoption shall be by two-thirds majority of those voting. An amendment shall become effective after adoption, unless otherwise stated.